Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-65. (Canceled).

66. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ A method comprising:

inserting an intubation-tube placement device, secured to an intubation tube, into a patient's oral cavity;

detecting the cartilaginous rings of the trachea via at least one tactile-accentuator device coupled to the intubation-tube placement device;

forcing the intubation-tube placement device through the patient's vocal cords; and

axially sliding the intubation tube along the intubation-tube placement device such that the intubation tube follows the intubation-tube placement device through the patient's vocal cords.

67. (Original) The method of Claim 66, wherein said intubation-tube placement device comprises a light source.

68. (Original) The method of Claim 66, wherein said forcing the intubation-tube placement device through the patient's vocal cords comprises:

suctioning materials from a vicinity of the patient's vocal cords via a suction tube formed by the intubation-tube placement device.

69. (Original) The method of Claim 68, wherein the suction tube formed by the intubation-tube placement device comprises:

the intubation-tube placement device forming a hollow tube.

70. (Original) The method of Claim 68, wherein the suction tube formed by the intubation tube placement device comprises:

the intubation-tube placement device forming a hollow tube;

an anti-perforation device having a trailing portion and an exploratory portion;

a channel between the trailing portion and the exploratory portion of said anti-perforation device; and

the trailing portion coupled to said intubation-tube placement device such that the channel substantially aligns with the hollow tube.

71. (Original) The method of Claim 66, wherein said forcing the intubation-tube placement device through the patient's vocal cords comprises:

applying axial pressure along the intubation-tube placement device such that the intubation-tube placement device moves into the patient's trachea.

72. (Canceled)

73. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ A method comprising:

inserting an intubation-tube placement device having an exploratory portion shaped to prevent the intubation-tube placement device from perforating an internal body structure during insertion, into a patient's oral cavity;

detecting the cartilaginous rings of the trachea via at least one tactile-accentuator device coupled to the intubation-tube placement device;

forcing the intubation-tube placement device through the patient's vocal cords; and

axially sliding an intubation tube along the intubation-tube placement device such that the intubation tube follows the intubation-tube placement device through the patient's vocal cords.

74. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 73 wherein said intubation-tube placement device comprises a light source.

75. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 73 wherein said forcing the intubation-tube placement device through the patient's vocal cords comprises:

suctioning materials from a vicinity of the patient's vocal cords via a suction tube formed by the intubation-tube placement device.

76. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 75 wherein the suction tube formed by the intubation-tube placement device comprises a hollow tube.

77. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 76 wherein the intubation-tube placement device comprises:

a trailing portion; and

a channel between the trailing portion and the exploratory portion, wherein the channel substantially aligns with the hollow tube.

78. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 73, wherein said forcing the intubation-tube placement device through the patient's vocal cords comprises:

applying axial pressure along the intubation-tube placement device such that the intubation-tube placement device moves into the patient's trachea.

79. (Canceled).